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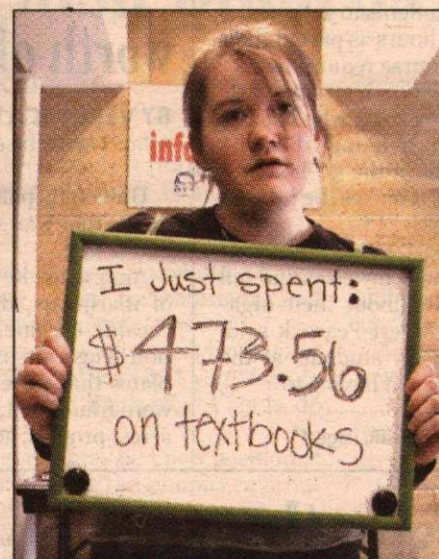
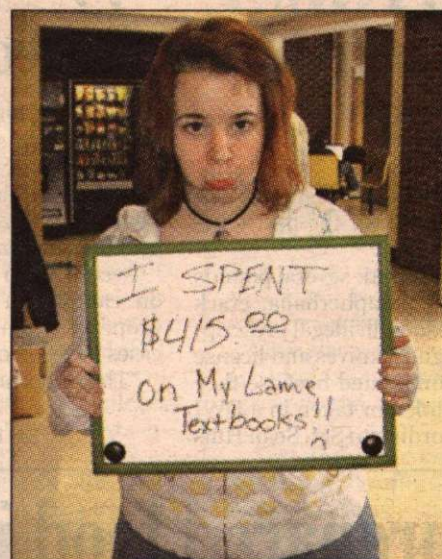
A sculpture of the Yellow Submarine built to honor the life of George Harrison.

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Sophomore Laura Prosser, senior Jamie Ebert and freshman Robin Borrell show their textbook costs.

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MPIRG looks for ways to make sure students aren't getting priced out of a college education

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Volunteer fair in Kirby Ballroom today

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Today, the Kirby Ballroom will be a flurry of activity as 34 community agencies come together as part of the UMD's bi-annual Volunteer Fair.

The fair, which is being held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will provide students, faculty and staff interested in volunteering with the opportunity to meet with a variety of community members face-to-face.

"By putting all of these groups in one place, it gives the students the opportunity to see, meet, greet and get all the information they need about the agencies they want to volunteer for without ever having to leave campus," said Chang Moua, the volunteer coordinator in the office of civic engagement.

This event will provide students with a wide variety of organizations ranging from local schools to Safe Haven, Animal Allies, the Boys and Girls Club and even Sustainable Twin Ports.

The fair was first organized a little over two years ago as a way

to cut down traffic in the office of civic engagement by students who were trying to meet a class requirement or working on getting an edge in future job interviews.

"We have over 400 students a semester coming into our office, who need to be placed for classes or want to build up their resumes, and this seemed like a more organized way to do it," said Jaymie Misunas, UMD's service learning/community coordinator.

Most classes in UMD's education department have a requirement for students to volunteer a total of 30 hours as part of their semester course requirements.

For education instructor Betsy Albert-Peacock, who teaches two sections of human diversity that each have the 30-hour requirement, it makes the process a lot easier.

"In the past, I had these agencies come into my class and tell my students about their organization," Albert-Peacock said, "but it put my students at the disadvantage of having to

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A cart filled with marijuana pipes and bongs collected from campus. University police destroy year-and-a-half worth of contraband collected from UMD

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University police recently destroyed evidence that was seized over the past year-and-a-half.

Among the items seized: several pounds of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, crack cocaine, cocaine, Adderall, illegal prescription drugs, airsoft guns, knives and license plates that were confiscated because they were fraudulent, stolen or taken in a DWI arrest process, according to Sgt. Sean Huls

of university police.

"This is just some of the stuff we seized over the past year-and-a-half," Huls said. "I would estimate that 75 percent of the items were seized on campus and 25 percent off campus."

According to Huls, the evidence is held on campus in a secured evidence and property room until the corresponding cases have been cleared in court.

"The drugs are burned or disposed of."

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Tax increase raises the cost of prepared food in Duluth

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The struggling economy has been one of the hottest topics around the country, and Duluth has taken its own initiative to compensate for some lack of revenue.

According to a Minnesota Department Revenue document, as of April 21, 2008, the city of Duluth was given authorization to increase the current 1.5 percent prepared food and beverage tax by three-fourths of 1 percent to 2.25 percent.

This, however, didn't really seem to dispirit many students on campus. In fact, many students around the Food Court didn't notice the increase in food prices, like senior Jen Kinzie.

"I guess I should have noticed," Kinzie said.

Kinzie added that she noticed Bixby's, a popular haunt of UMD students, had a sign posted about raised prices, adding that she wasn't very con-

cerned about it.

Senior Sarah Muller agreed.

"The prices didn't jump a dollar; it's not too outrageous. You just have to deal with it, and hope that they are raising taxes for a decent reason."

Muller also thought that it's an easy way for officials to charge people who like to spend money.

"Those who want to save more money can get their food at a grocery store and others might not even notice," Muller said.

However, when typical students like Kinzie and Muller have to juggle money between tuition, textbooks, recreation and food, finding a way to get money can get a little tricky.

"We have always had problems with money. We had to give plasma last year to have at least one source of income," Kinzie said.

Besides giving plasma, Muller also remembered her freshman year when she tried avoiding the Dining Center at all costs, she would have to buy food at

the Food Court or at the on-campus grocery store.

"The store here on campus can be a little inconvenient, especially for freshmen who have to spend like three bucks on a box of macaroni," Muller said.

Another issue that Muller and Kinzie are concerned about is the possible taxation of clothes in Minnesota.

Muller thinks that college students would be the first to notice if clothes started to get taxed.

"Students might get mad about raised taxes because they try to watch their money, but it's just the way the world works," Muller said.

According to the Minnesota Department of Revenue, the money that will come from the tax increase will go towards improving the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center.

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MPIRG wants more affordable approaches to college

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The Minnesota Public Interest Research Group's (MPIRG) goal this semester is for students to get involved and become more educated about their affordable higher education plan, which includes textbook fees and tuition.

According to the MPIRG Web site, the Bureau of Labor Statistics Producer Price Index reported that textbook costs increased at a rate of 62 percent, which is over four times the rate of inflation (14 percent) from 1994-2004.

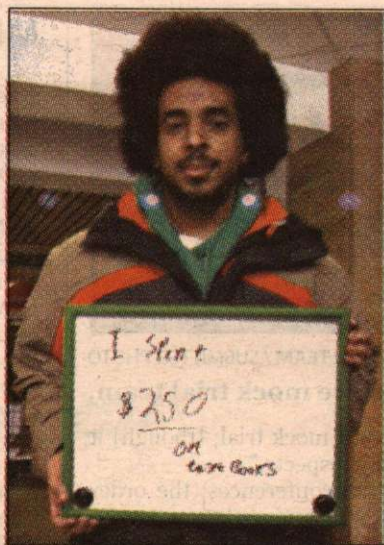
Furthermore, the site stated that the average student spends over \$900 each year purchasing textbooks, which is nearly 10 percent of annual tuition at the main U of M Twin Cities campus.

Junior and MPIRG member Justin Hauschild explained that professors are part of the process when it comes to students saving money on the books required in their classrooms.

"There is a professor/textbook pledge handout that, if they choose, [they] can sign and that means they are pledging to not only read the facts that students are facing when it comes to purchasing books, but also a set of guidelines they can follow to make it less expensive."

The handout lists seven guidelines teachers can follow. Some of these guidelines include publishing course packets and lecture notes online instead of requiring students to purchase them, using existing editions of textbooks for as long as possible, notifying students of acceptable earlier editions of textbooks so that they may purchase used editions and putting books on reserve at the library, when applicable.

Hauschild explained another guideline on the handout pertain-



MPIRG / SUBMITTED PHOTO

Senior Nate Moore spent \$250 on textbooks.

ing to textbooks.

"Teachers have the option that instead of asking students for an entire new edition, they can request a supplement packet, saving the students cost," he said.

Hauschild also said if teachers decided to sign on to the pledge, they can decide to not only do one or two of the guidelines, but a multitude.

Besides textbooks, the high tuition costs have been negatively affecting the pocketbooks of students.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education Web site reported that on average between the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MnSCU states universities, two-year colleges and private four-year colleges, the average yearly tuition costs approximately \$11,482.

Even more staggering, the average student who is on track to graduate in four years will accumulate approximately \$45,928.

Freshman and MPIRG member Andrea Whitaker explained a piece of legislation called Opportunity Minnesota that pertains to decreasing student debt due to tuition.

"Opportunity Minnesota explains that the state of Minnesota would pay back a percentage of students' federal and public loans," Whitaker said. "This would be based on attending a Minnesota college of any kind and working within the state for a certain period of time after graduation."

Whitaker gave an example of how Opportunity Minnesota would be applied: If a student worked in Minnesota for 10 years after



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Mindy Granley and Doug McKercher explain UMD's energy efficient ventilation system.

UMD'S push towards sustainability

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"Going Green" has been made a priority at UMD this year with the hiring of Mindy Granley as the Campus Sustainability coordinator.

Granley, who graduated from UMD with a bachelor's degree in hydrogeology/environmental geology, said UMD is where she gained the knowledge and love for working with environmental issues.

"I've always had experience with the environment," Granley said. "I really like taking what you learn in research and applying it, and that's what I get to do here."

Sustainability coordinator may be a new position at UMD, but the efforts of keeping the campus environmentally friendly started before Granley arrived.

"A lot of people are making the right choices about running this place, but they're just not good about telling people about them," Granley said. "I'm here to support their decisions and communicate them."

Granley said she's not the one making the decisions but instead the one communicating those decisions with the UMD community.

One project the office of sustainability is currently working on is the recycling efforts on campus.

"[We are] trying to improve signage so students know they can put a plastic bottle in an aluminum can bin," Granley said. "Any of the bins across campus that say 'cans only' really can take cans, plastic and glass bottles now."

The project may seem minor, but can contribute to the number of students that recycle rather than throwing a bottle away because they couldn't find the "right" recycling bin.

Granley said UMD currently recycles 45 percent of all waste on campus, a number that is impressive compared to other universities.

According to the U of M Twin Cities Web site, the

university recycles only half of what UMD does by recycling 27 percent of its solid waste. This compares to Portland State University, which sees a recycling rate of 29.33 percent.

How does UMD maintain such a high recycling rate with the constant construction of new buildings?

Granley said the construction waste is separated into bins based on what can be recycled. During the building of Labovitz School of Business and Economics, 78 percent of all waste was recycled.

Along with smaller projects like recycling, Granley is working on large-scale improvements at UMD.

"I'm working on greenhouse gas sustainability," Granley said. "Where can we reduce green house gases, and how can we do it?"

Granley is currently working on calculating a greenhouse gas inventory to help understand where the campus can cut carbon emissions.

According to Granley, everyone can contribute to cutting carbon emissions. One easy way is by riding the bus.

"I think it's on [student's] minds. A lot of the things you can do to be sustainable are simple," Granley said.

The number of DTA monthly riders increased from 50,000 last year to currently having 75,000 riders a month, according to Granley.

The Office of Sustainability's Web site is designed to get the UMD community involved with sustainability efforts.

Students are encouraged to share ideas about how to contribute to an environmental-friendly campus and blog about issues surrounding sustainability. The newly founded Web site can be found at www.addinguptozero.com.

"It's about the choices students make," Granley said. "They can get involved, talk to professors, think about your community and think about what you purchase."

Mock trial team brings home 1st place

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Thanks to UMD's Mock Trial team, the university can now expand its trophy case to include a first place victory in another form of collegiate competition.

Over the last weekend of winter break, one of two UMD teams entered in the Hatting Invitational Mock Trial Tournament won first place, beating out teams from other colleges, including teams from the Twin Cities and Morris campuses.

Although the students receive no university credit for participation, the team's members and coach, political science professor Mark Jennings, said that being a part of the team requires more time and preparation than most classes do.

"I'd say it is probably the equivalent to a four, five credit class," said junior Josh Eberle, who also won an Outstanding Defense Attorney award. "We meet for two hours twice a

week, and then I probably put in two or three hours each week on my own working on it."

This year, the subject of the mock trial was a civil case that involved a hypothetical candidate for governor that had been falsely accused of murder by Blitz News. The claim ended up costing him the election and he sued news organization for defamation.

Eberle defended Blitz News.

"As the defense, I had to prove that Blitz did everything in their power to pursue the truth and to report the truth," he said.

Eberle was able to show the evidence in a way that cleared Blitz News of any intentional wrongdoing.

The American Mock Trial Association picked the topic, and mock trial teams from all across the country worked on the same case. One catch that made preparing for this mock trial even more difficult was the fact that the team members didn't know whether they would represent the plaintiff or the defendant.

"It's not exactly like a courtroom setting,"

very serious and have the potential to have tragic outcomes."

One instance involved a traffic stop on campus earlier this fall.

According to Huls, the officer asked for proof of insurance. When the driver opened his glove box to retrieve his insurance, the officer saw what looked like a handgun in the glove box.

"University police officers drew their service pistols and removed the occupants of the vehicle at gun point until the scene was deemed safe," Huls said.



MOCK TRIAL TEAM / SUBMITTED PHOTO
UMD's first place mock trial team.

Jennings said "It is a mock trial; [though] it simulates it in many respects."

There are pre-trial conferences; the order of witnesses is picked; opening statements are delivered; witnesses are called/cross-examined on the stand and closing arguments are made, Jennings said.

He added that the mock trial team is a good first step for anyone who wants to become a lawyer, improve speech skills and improve their overall ability to mediate situations.

After further investigation, university police were able to determine it was in fact an airsoft gun and there was no criminal intent. The officers had to immediately decide if their lives were in danger and what actions to take.

"Luckily, this situation did not end tragically, but it had the potential for a very bad ending for all parties involved," Huls said.

Airsoft guns are banned from UMD property. Huls said his best advice is to treat airsoft guns like a real gun and not possess them on UMD property, on yourself or in your vehicle.

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graduating, the state would pay off four years of their federal and public loans, based on a percentage of the university.

Opportunity Minnesota was originally based off of a bill that was passed in Maine's legislature overwhelmingly in 2007, according to the Opportunity Minnesota handout.

Whitaker added that MPIRG has a hearing about Opportunity Minnesota in this legislative session, yet does not know when it will take place.

MPIRG has its semester introduction meeting addressing Affordable Higher Education on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. in the Garden Room.

"We will also be talking about fair trade and the environment at this meeting, if affordable higher education doesn't interest you," Whitaker said.

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battle with 45 other students if they had a question. The fair is a good opportunity for them to go out, ask questions and see what is the best fit for them."

So far the fair has proven to be working. According to Moua, each year the Volunteer Fair helps place over 1,000 students in community agencies.

"We want to get students involved and to be able to get them more engaged, if not on campus, then in the community, and the opportunity to learn while they are doing it," Moua said.

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The bongs and pipes are all crushed and destroyed. The guns are dismantled and destroyed along with knives and other weapons," Huls said.

Huls said if students take anything away from seeing these photos, he wants them to know the serious nature of airsoft guns.

"University police has had a number of calls involving air guns that were mistaken for real guns," Huls said. "These types of calls can be

Graduate school applications up 75 percent from last year

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UMD is currently in the process of transitioning to an online application system for the admission to graduate school programs.

This applies to those wishing to go to graduate school in the fall of '09 or later.

Larry Knopp, the associate dean of the graduate school, explained that the graduate school recently developed a comprehensive plan for recruiting more students to graduate programs at UMD.

The first step was initiating the online application system, while the other pieces of the plan are yet to be funded.

"In the current economic climate, this will be a challenge," Knopp said.

So far this year, the applications are up 75 percent over last year.

"I believe this is largely due to the online application system. The economic downturn may or may not also be a factor," Knopp said.

Kelly Rosengren, who is a graduating this

May with an exercise science degree, is applying to or hoping to get into the U of M graduate school for physical therapy.

"I feel like a lot more people are applying to or planning on going to grad school this year," Rosengren said. "You get paid more if you have an advanced degree."

To prepare for applying to graduate school, Rosengren had to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), as well as doing over 100 hours of volunteer work. The application also calls for essays and letters of recommendation.

"I had a book with a CD, practice tests and 500 flashcards that I used to study for the GRE," said Rosengren.

Senior Stephen Dolence, an English major, is applying to eight-graduate programs; UMD and the U of M being his top two choices.

The application fees can get expensive, but since Dolence is a McNair Scholar through the College of St. Scholastica, some of his fees are waived.

"I still have to pay for transcripts from every college I have attended, GRE scores and the

occasional application fee from the schools that are not compatible," Dolence said.

It would have cost him several hundred dollars just in application fees. Even with his scholarship, he has already paid about \$200 on the process.

At UMD, there are programs offered through the graduate school as well as jointly with the U of M. There are also programs offered through individual colleges at UMD.

"Most graduate programs at UMD are administered in cooperation with the graduate school, which also helps administer programs on the Twin Cities campus and Rochester campuses," Knopp said. "Some UMD programs, however, are administered independently from the graduate school by UMD collegiate units. Still others, such as the new integrated biosciences program, operate on multiple campuses with help from the graduate school."

Knopp explained that there are always conversations going on about new program proposals, but the process of proposing and developing new programs is involved and

time consuming.

The two newest programs at UMD are both doctoral. One is the doctor of education program, which was developed two years ago, and a UMD-LED all university program in integrated biosciences, which was established about a year ago.

UMD graduate programs can vary significantly in the number of students enrolled.

"Our largest programs can have enrollment of well over 100, while some others can have a few dozen," Knopp said. "However, enrollment and quality are completely separate issues. Some programs are small by design."

While the economic crisis may or may not be a factor in the rise of students, Knopp remains optimistic.

"I am concerned about what the current economic downturn might mean for students, but I am hopeful," Knopp said. "Many people see graduate education as a good investment in challenging economic times."



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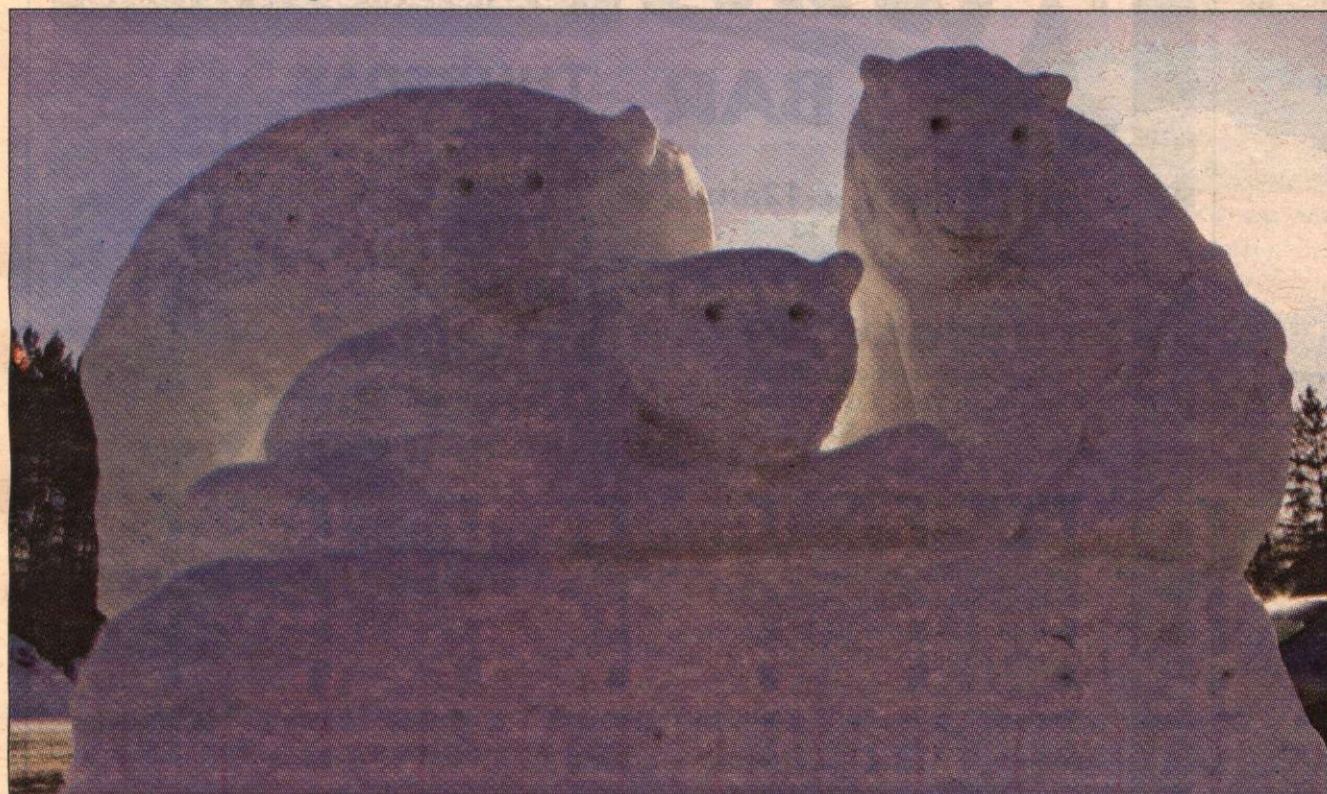
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Three bears created by snow sculptor Harry Welty in the winter of 2004.

The Hillside's snow sculptor

Harry Welty has been creating snow sculptures outside his home on 21st Avenue East for the last 20 years

BY KATHY CHOH
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A larger-than-life snow sculpture of Alice in Wonderland isn't totally out of the ordinary for one Duluthian's front yard.

Twenty-one years ago, Harry Welty began creating these artistic snow sculptures. It all started with a request for a dinosaur.

"My little daughter asked me to make a dinosaur, which ended up looking like an iguana, and now people kind of expect me to do them every year," Welty said.

According to Welty, there was a stop sign, not a traffic light, at the intersection of 21st Avenue and East 4th Street.

"I got used to hearing cars screeching and crashing because of the distraction.

In the first 12 months, there were over 20 car accidents in front of my house so I made a sculpture of a car turned over with a stop sign around it," said Welty.

Welty, who makes three to four sculptures a year, said that hauling the snow takes almost more time than actually making the snow sculpture. After years of practice, a "good, big one" will take about four to five days to complete.

"I usually wait until the first big snowfall and race out to the driveway and scoop the snow before the plowers take it," he said.

To aid him in moving snow from the backyard and dumping it into the front yard, Welty uses tools from basic snow shovels to a heavy-duty kitchen soup spoon.

Welty's early attempts at snow sculp-



Former President Bill Clinton plays his sax in Welty's yard.

ture started small.

"It is a more ambitious version of a snowman. Early on, I looked at my snowman, then added some ears, then eventually made a small rabbit. There is a lot of trial and error," he said.

Through the years, Welty has made sculptures ranging from Jesse Ventura to Mount Rushmore to a UMD Bulldog playing hockey.

"Some years I don't have anything in

Literary Guild finds its 'muse'



LITERARY GUILD / SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the UMD Literary Guild

BY EMMA FROMBERG
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Poets, artists and writers: this May, there is an opportunity to showcase your creativity to the rest of the university and community.

The annual, "Roaring Muse," is returning after a year off and is in need of some exceptional student work.

Published by the Literary Guild, a blossoming club from the UMD English department, the "Roaring Muse" is a literary magazine compiled of poetry, short stories, photographs and art submitted by UMD students.

The Guild plans on selling the magazine to other UMD students and faculty, and to possibly begin selling it at some local bookstores for the first time.

Compiling the work has been the main concern so far.

"That's the biggest thing," said Literary Guild member Anessa Kemna. "We need submissions!"

The club is also looking for more members.

Due to a lack of interest last year, the Guild was forced to take a year off. Now back in action the main goal this year is to publish the "Roaring Muse," which is a larger job than some group members expected.

With no returning members, the group has to figure out the ins and outs of publishing a magazine from fundraising ideas and advertisements to how to fairly publish submissions.

On top of getting the magazine finished, the Literary Guild will be hosting some events this semester.

One of these events was a poetry slam that was hosted yesterday in the Kirby Ballroom.

The club has high hopes for putting on a few more events this spring, including an event during Out Cold Week.

"This is as much enthusiasm and interest I've ever seen in the English Department," said English professor Joseph Maiolo. "The department is fully behind you."

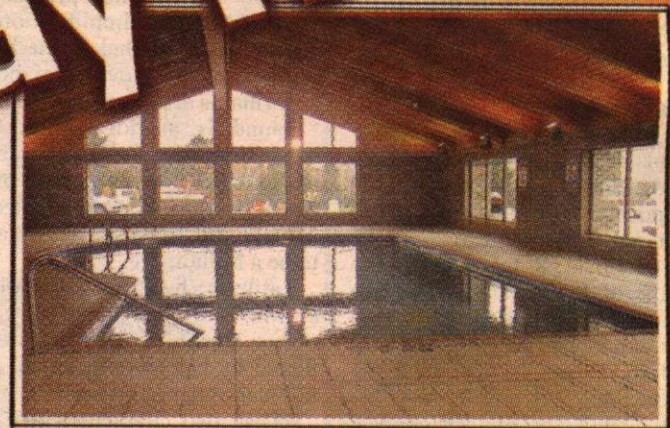
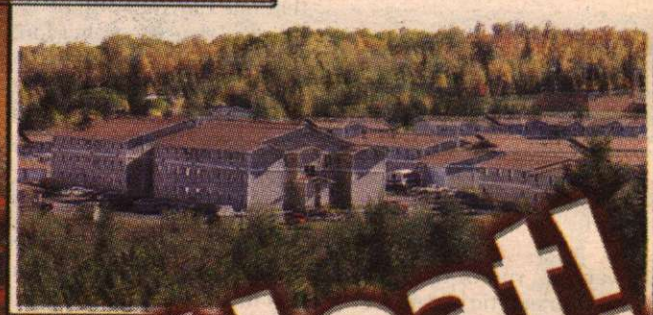
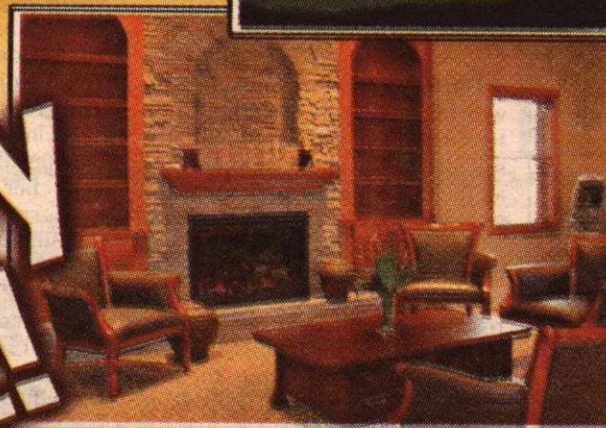
Maiolo sat in at the group's most recent meeting and

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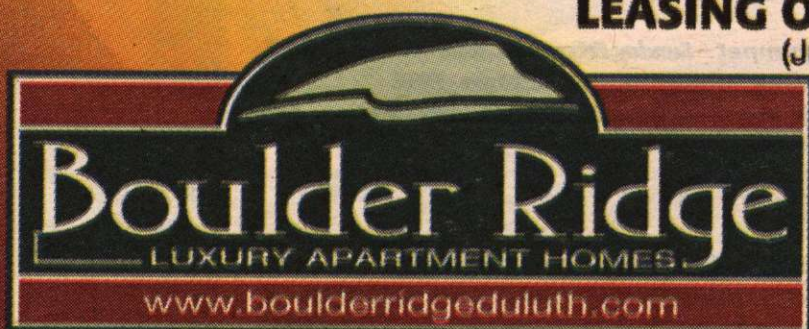


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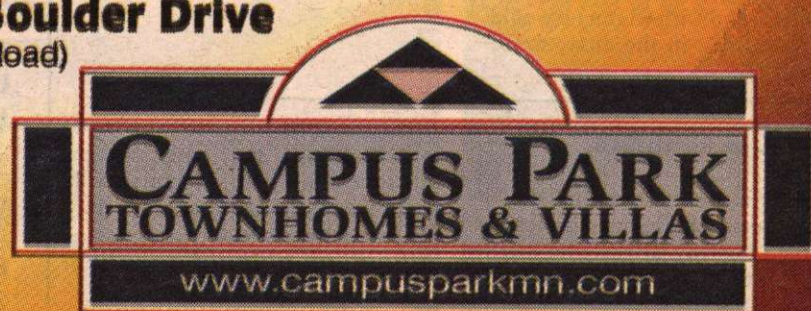
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Critic's Choice: 'Slumdog Millionaire'

BY KYLE DEGOEY
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Overall Grade:

A

Is the film "Slumdog Millionaire":

A. Just another over the top cheese puff

B. An everyday, run-of-the-mill Hollywood cinematic adventure

C. A horrible film that no one should see

D. An enchanting story that deserves to win Best Picture next month at the Oscars

Final Answer: D

This motion picture seamlessly glides along, while pushing the tempo at beautiful speeds. With seemingly perfect direction by Danny Boyle, it takes us to the depths of India's slums: a place of murder, corruption and greed. This is not, however, the focus of the film.

Above all, it is a love story. It's a love story of almost magical proportions. This movie is a live action fairytale for adults, and it works. It works beautifully.

The story goes like this: Once upon a time, there was a peasant named Jamal. Jamal had a brother named Salim with whom he would run and frolic in the dirty, soiled streets.

One day, while they were playing, their mother was killed by a war between neighboring religions. As orphans living in a landfill, Jamal meets the most beautiful girl in the world. He promises her that one day they will be rich, and they will dance together forever.

However, an evil man, who exploits children, picks up the three of them. They vow to escape, but in doing so, Latika, the girl, is left behind. Jamal is convinced that it is his destiny to become a prince and make Latika his princess.

After a few years of searching, Jamal learns of Latika's capture and that she is being held prisoner by the king. She is forced to be the king's slave. With only one option, Jamal must call upon all of his wisdom and knowledge to win her freedom and become a prince.

This is an over simplification, of course, but nonetheless the basic premise of the movie. Our heroes and villains are clearly defined.

Jamal is an idealistic coffee server from the slums, who never waivers on his morals or principles. He has won the chance to compete on India's, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."

Latika is a beautiful young woman who is trapped by the struggles of her surroundings. She is conflicted by her love for Jamal and her fear of her oppressors.

These two characters take the lead in a masterfully directed and skillfully edited film that no doubt contains qualities that are necessary to impact an audience for years to come.

There will be one today at 6 p.m. in Humanities 464, and another this Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. Meetings will continue every Sunday at 6 p.m. for the rest of the semester.

If you are interested in getting your work published, send submissions to umdlitguild@gmail.com. Submissions should be 1,500 words or less and are due by Feb. 25. The Literary Guild is open to almost anything, so be creative.

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offered assistance to the rookie members, including past examples of the "Roaring Muse" and assuring that they would have a meeting place.

The Literary Guild is one of few groups who are backed by the English department.

To join the Literary Guild, check out their table in Kirby or just show up at their meetings.

HOLLYWOOD & VINE Summer Dreaming

BY ALICIA LEBENS
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During a recent trip outside while wearing four layers of clothing, mittens, a hat and a scarf, I found myself dreaming about summer and all the fun things to do in the warm weather.

Not surprisingly, many musicians and bands are thinking the same thing. Tour dates are being released by hot, new artists, and local music festivals are being organized. It's important to look into which events you want to go to early, since you can sometimes get early bird discounts and better seats at the show.

One of the most exciting shows on Billboard.com is the newly announced No Doubt tour. After

many rumors, the tour and a new studio album have been confirmed, but no dates have been released. The opening act is another female lead group, Paramore.

Taylor Swift will be starting her first headlining tour this summer. With her sophomore CD, "Fearless," spending the No. 1 spot on the Billboard charts for eight weeks now, Swift is quickly becoming the hot act of the summer. Be sure to check her out at the Country USA Festival in Oshkosh, Wis. on June 24, and see more info at www.taylor-swift.com.

A summer favorite has always been the Vans Warped tour. With crowd favorites like Flogging Molly, Scary Kids Scaring Kids, Thrice and Underoath, this year's shows will be better than ever. Local show

dates include July 30 in Milwaukee, Wis. and Aug. 2 in Minneapolis, Minn. For more information about the bands, ticket prices and other dates, head over to www.warped-tour.com.

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mind. Sometimes it will relate to current events, people or politics," he said.

Welty said the inspiration for the Alice sculpture came from being a former member of the Duluth school board.

"[I was] one of the fighters to have a vote for the school system, and I was angry with the way things were going, so I thought of the Mad Hatter," he said.

As for the next sculpture, Welty said he is thinking of something white.

"All of the sculptures have been white, except the year George Harrison died. I made a yellow submarine colored with food coloring," he said.

There has been occasional vandalism on the sculptures but most people have been supportive of the sculptures, according to Welty.

Welty's favorite sculpture, a 16-foot-tall gorilla named Phil, wore a homemade Santa hat on his head, which was stolen. Radio stations got involved in the

search and eventually the hat was returned.

The winter sculptures have become so popular that Welty has requests to make them all over town.

"Throughout the years, I have had people from all over, including a van full of Mormon missionaries from Arizona, wanting to take pictures with the sculptures," Welty said. "At night, you can see flashing lights from people taking pictures."

When asked why he goes through the trouble of making these crystallized creations, Welty said, "Why do people climb Mount Everest? It is a sense of play. My mother wanted to be an artist, and therefore wanted me to be an artist as well, so in some small way, this is a testimony to my mother. And everyone expects me to do it."

What this snow creator comes up with next may be unknown, but the sculpture seems sure there will be more to come. To see more of Welty's snow sculptures, visit his Web site at www.snowbizz.com.

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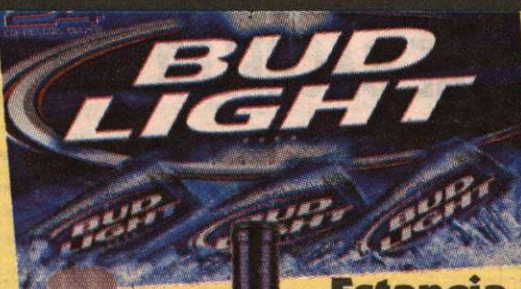
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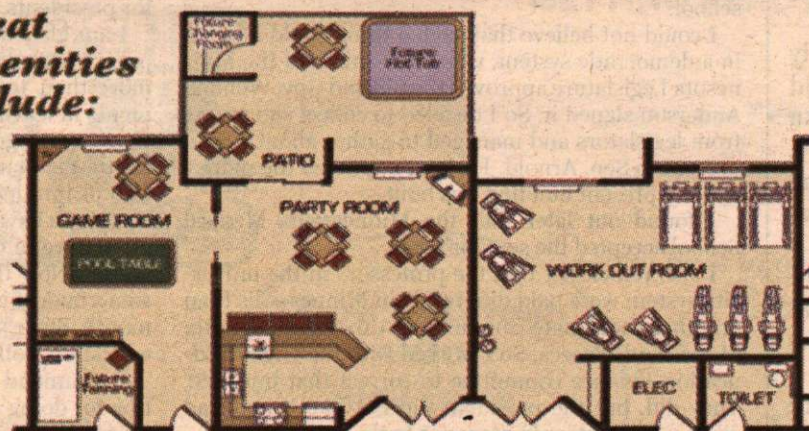
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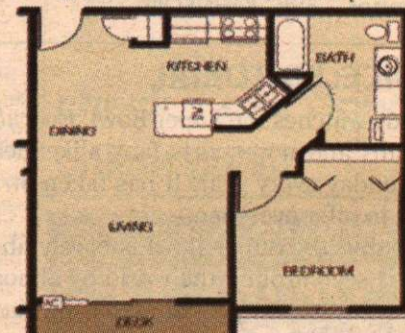
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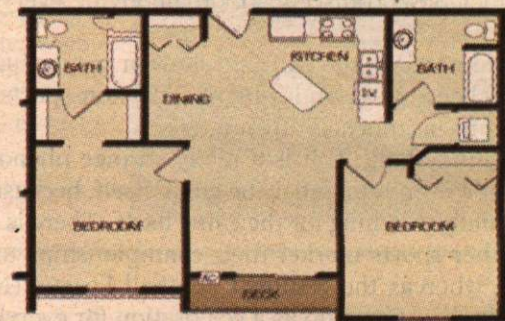
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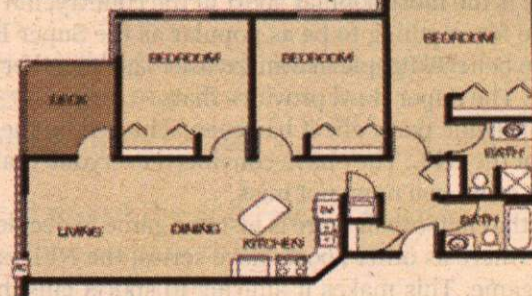
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-Eric Johnson

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Mike Jaros, former Representative for Dist. 7-B

A recap of the state legislation that made UMD's present form possible

Editor,

UMD was incorporated into the University of Minnesota in the 1940s by Rep. A. B. Anderson from Duluth. Anderson Hall honors him.

Before that, the campus was a teachers' college and it belonged to the present state university system, which is part of MnSCU. I attended UMD after leaving Salvatorian Seminary in 1966 and then transferred to the Minneapolis campus, because UMD did not have my major and minor, which are Russian and Latin. I was a teacher between 1968 and 1972, when I got elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives.

The year of 1973-1974 was a historic legislative session, because we, Liberals (DFLers), gained majorities in both House and Senate for the first time since Minnesota joined the U.S. in 1858. It was also the year that we got funding for the new UMD Medical School building. It was difficult to secure that money, because the University of Minnesota Central Administration in Minneapolis opposed our school. In 1975, when we returned to St. Paul, I found out that the two legislative finance chairmen did not approve release of the funding for the school. I asked Rep. Fred Norton, chairman of the House Appropriations, why this was and he told me that Sen. Norm Arnold, the Senate Finance committee chairman, did not want to sign off because UMD did not accept his son to medical school.

I could not believe that such a thing could happen in a democratic system, when two-thirds of the Minnesota Legislature approved the bill and Gov. Wendell Anderson signed it. So I decided to collect signatures from legislators and managed to gather about 120 to present to Sen. Arnold. He later approved the money and the present building was built.

I found out later that the Minneapolis Medical School accepted the senator's son.

I also remember that the professors in the university system were paid differently in Minneapolis than on other coordinate campuses in Crookston, Duluth, Morris and Waseca. So I worked with the Higher Education Finance committee to correct that injustice. They did, but the president did not like it and had some merit system in response to the legislation.

I left the legislature in 1980 because I was disappointed with Governor Al Quie's proposal to cut income tax, which resulted in financial instability and

cuts to education. Quie defeated Governor Rudy Perpich, a true friend of education and Northeastern Minnesota. In 1982, Perpich was elected again and proposed creation of 10 Economic Recovery Commissions mostly to help rural areas. I was appointed to head the Natural Resources Commission, which recommended that a research institute be established at UMD. In 1983, Perpich agreed and proposed that \$5.2 million be appropriated to establish the Natural Resources Research Institute. He also proposed establishment of engineering programs outside of the Twin Cities. University of Minnesota Twin Cities Administration opposed both the NRRI and engineering at UMD. In 1984, we were able to get bond funding to remodel the SAGE Air Force building for housing NRRI and a new engineering building on the campus. In 2008, we got funding to expand that program and add another building.

In 1987, I was appointed chairman of the House Higher Ed committee, and I introduced a bill to change the University of Minnesota administrative structure based on the 1971-1972 Citizen and Legislative Study Commission. The bill was heard, and everyone who appeared testified in favor except the U. of M. Pres. Ken Keller. He also threatened UMD Chancellor Larry Iannie for testifying in favor of my bill. Keller resigned because the Board of Regents questioned his expenditures that the residence university provides for presidents.

I am glad we were able to get a lot of capital and program funding for UMD and that the enrollment is more than 10,000 students. One of my disappointments in leaving the legislature is that the costs of attending college have increased drastically. The reason for that is that the state has not kept its legal obligation of funding two-thirds of the cost. The reason is that there have been too many income tax cuts during my tenure in office. I calculate those cuts at over \$4 billion. Now that the economy is in trouble, Minnesota's budget is worse yet as we have seen reports this month. Since 50 percent of the state's revenue goes to education, colleges and schools will lose even more.

I commend the students, faculty and administration for doing a super job on campus and at the Capitol getting a fair share of funding for UMD!!!

Mike Jaros

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Opinion

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Obama's push for fuel efficiency

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President Barack Obama's push for greater fuel efficiency and emissions standards for cars may sound hopeful to environmentalists and those who wish to see us weaned off foreign oil (a hope that we have had since the 1970s), but at a time when auto companies are already suffering, perhaps these ideals are being pushed too soon.

On Monday, Jan. 19, Obama ordered the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to review its Bush-era decisions to block these standards, which would allow California and other states to enforce higher standards, as well as calling for higher federal standards for all

states, according to a Yahoo! News article titled, "Obama orders push to cleaner, more efficient cars."

According to the same article, Obama responded to the concerns of car companies by saying, "Our goal is not to further burden an already struggling industry. It is to help America's automakers prepare for the future."

It's pretty to think so. However, with auto sales falling and the companies suffering the loss (sales fell 18 percent in 2008 alone), it would seem that now is not the time. With jobs being lost at the rate that they are, it's reasonable to assume that this added burden will make things worse for everyone in the long run.

I certainly support efforts to curb pollution and dependence on

foreign oil. These two things are significant problems that we have, in the past, been too lax in solving. However, along with timing, we should take into consideration how we should be going about solving these problems, and in my opinion, command-and-control legislation is not the way.

At a time like this, the best thing we could be doing to solve these problems would be to instead use market incentives—tax cuts for companies that would be working on greater fuel efficiency and lower emissions. With this extra "leg up," so to speak, auto companies would already have a competitive edge over others. After all, lowering pollution and spending less at the gas pump is attractive to almost all

consumers.

I understand that such a program would be costly. However, further hurting an already suffering industry will be costly for all of us in the long run. Perhaps increasing our fuel efficiency and emissions standards in a time when industry is doing better wouldn't be such a bad idea, but right now we need to be working on trying to improve our economy.

Certainly, it's encouraging to see a president keeping some of the promises he initially made—however, perhaps Obama needs to learn to compromise in a time when other needs are more urgent.

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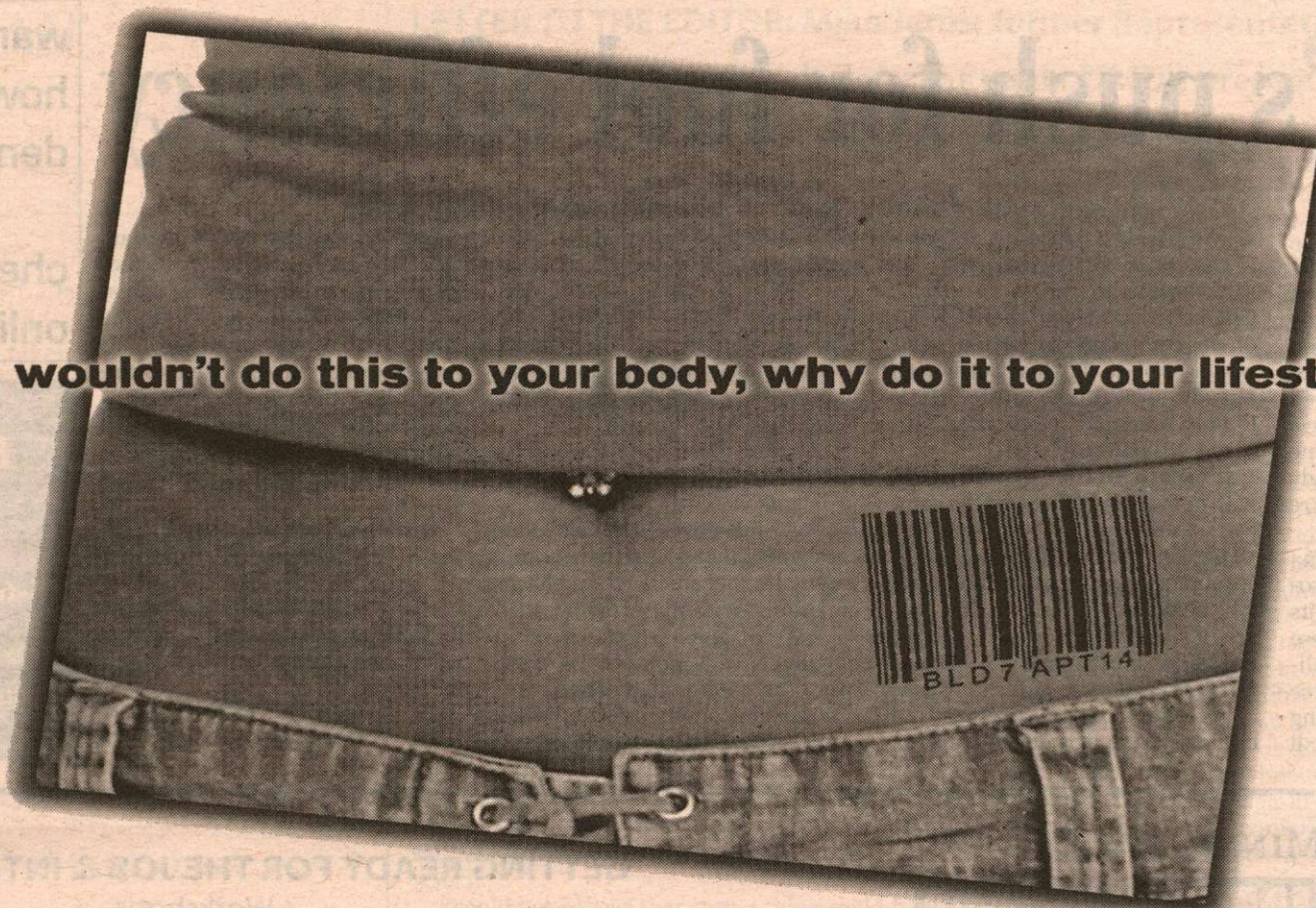
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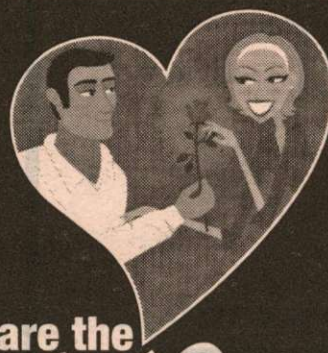
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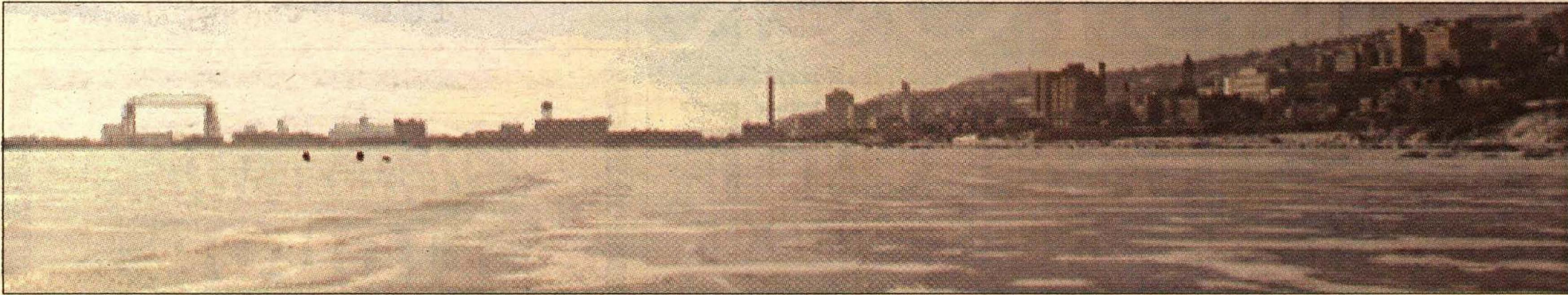
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Open water threatens the safety of fishermen

BY DAVID COWARDIN
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What junior Andrew Chadwick saw before him was an eye-opener. As he drove his Subaru onto the frozen surface of Wild Rice Lake, he was greeted with open water. Lucky for him, he stopped 10 feet shy of disaster.

"I drove that way close to 70 times," Chadwick said.

To secure the well-being of other fishermen, Chadwick threw some logs around the open water to mark the area. He was extremely fortunate that his Subaru did not careen into the icy water of the lake.

He is no stranger to close encounters; in fact, he has experienced the icy clutch of winter lakes first-hand.

"I fell through Boulder, and so did my buddy," Chadwick said. "I thought I just sank in the snow, but then I felt rocks or gravel beneath my feet."

Luckily he only went in up to his waist, but it's not an experience he wants to relive.

Minnesota: the Land of 10,000 Lakes. We are fortunate to be surrounded by glacial remains that weave through forests or lie captive within their encompassing, rocky bowls. But nature has a mind of its own; it's mysterious and quick to deceive. Sheets of ice that stretch over lakes and streams are seemingly safe, but Mother Nature suggests danger.

According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), new ice is usually stronger than old ice. Since we are clawing our way into February, this could be a concern. Chadwick knows the danger of old ice well, and takes several precautions.

"In early and late ice, I wear ice picks around my neck," Chadwick said. "Late ice is the worst because it honeycombs and gets air pockets in it."

Chadwick is an avid fisherman and constantly braves the elements to pull fish through the ice, so he has come to notice the signs that suggest weak ice. He said that most of the large lakes around Duluth including Wild Rice, Island, Boulder and Fish are all reservoirs, and reservoirs have aspects that can cause bad ice.

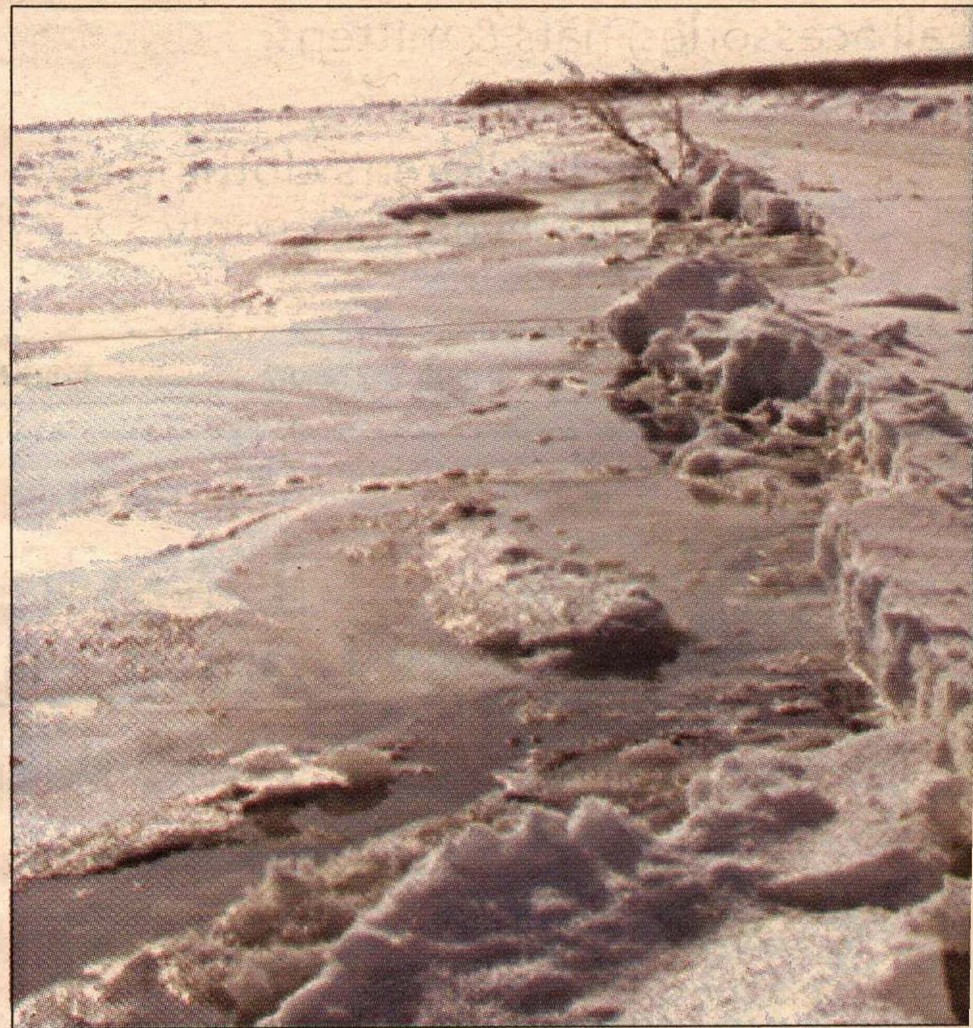
"If a spillway in a dam is open, that is a red flag because the current can cause ice conditions to change," Chadwick said.

He also tends to stay away from incoming streams and areas with vegetation. He is a brave soul for driving onto lakes, but he always gives himself a shot at survival in case the ice decides to give way.

Before driving onto the ice, Chadwick recommends to, "leave the car door open, take your seat belt off and roll the window down."

He also has limits regarding ice thickness. He said he will walk by foot if the ice is new and four-to-five inches thick, and if he has someone to accompany him. According to the DNR Web site, four inches of new ice is recommended for traveling by foot, and 8-12 inches for a small vehicle. Also, ice doesn't freeze uniformly, so while it may be safe where you are standing, 10 feet over may be insecure. The DNR also recommends taking into consideration the amount of snow above the ice. Snow acts as an insulator, which slows down the freezing process of ice. So when coming across deep areas of snow, it is safe to be cautious.

This is good advice. It doesn't necessarily prevent tragedy, but it can better the chances of exiting a life-threatening situation. There are many factors that play into the thickness and strength of ice, and they should all be considered. Chadwick is not ready to conclude his adventures, but he understands his risks, and he knows the dangers that shadow



DAVID COWARDIN / STATESMAN

Open water on Wild Rice Lake

the joys of ice fishing.

Last Saturday, when temperatures climbed into the mid-30s, Chadwick decided to return to the place he almost fell through. This time, he went by foot and took extra precautions, but other avid fishermen were not as alert to the danger.

Chadwick went back to see if the open water had sealed up, but it hadn't, and as a truck

began driving out onto the ice he warned the driver of the danger ahead. Unfortunately the driver decided to continue anyways, and to his luck, he made it around the open water but the next time around could result in a bad day on the lake to say the least.

"Never trust any ice," Chadwick said, "Always have some caution."



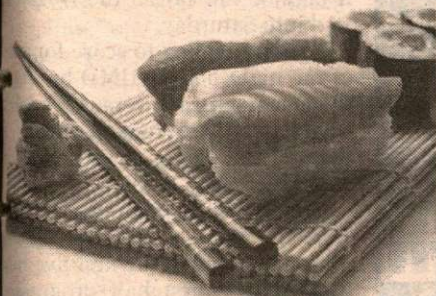
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MEN'S BASKETBALL
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Just when the game seemed out of reach, UMD began an epic final push toward salvaging a win. Over the game's final 10 minutes, the Dogs chipped away at the deficit. Following a 16-2 run, UMD trailed by only three points with a minute to go. Unfortunately, the ending to this contest was as ugly as the beginning had been.

With the final possession and a chance to win, Bulldog junior Ron White dribbled into a corner and was trapped with the ball as time expired.

At the end, Vaudreuil (16 points) and White (10 points) were the only Dogs to score in double digits.

If there was any consolation to be had from Friday's excruciating loss, it may be the karma the Dogs carried into Saturday.

After struggling to score for most of the night before, UMD burst out the gates Saturday versus the Mavericks, who are ranked fourth in the Central region, according to the NSIC Web Site.

Riding a hot-shooting stretch to start the game, UMD jumped to a nine-point lead in the first five minutes. As the first half progressed, the Dogs never slowed down. By the break, UMD led by 14. Holquist attributed this solid half to his squad imposing their will on the Mavericks.

"That's what we did really well. We made them play our style," he said. "When we can make teams play physical Bulldog basketball, we know we can beat anybody."

As the second half commenced, however, the Mavericks copied the Bulldogs script from the night before and had the UMD lead cut to two with just less than 13 minutes left to play.

That is when Vaudreuil took the game over. By scoring 12 points in the game's final 12 minutes, the captain would not let his team lose.

Despite being repeatedly tested over an intense final 10 minutes the Dogs withstood every Maveric charge and held on for a 73-65 victory.

Vaudreuil led the game in scoring and rebounding with 28 point to go with 13 boards. Fellow senior and captain Steve Klass scored 1 and the team's final captain, Bria Sykora, added 10 rebounds.

Up next for the third place Dogs (15-8 overall, 9-4 NSIC) is a weekend away from home. Friday will take UMD to St. Cloud, while Saturday brings a match up with Concordia-St. Paul.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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"Mankato's a great team; they should be number one in the nation. We just didn't play well and they did," she said. "To beat a team like that, we'd probably need to play perfect ... the final buzzer sounded and we've been playing well lately, we're done thinking about this one."

That attitude is understandable. After all, this is a team that has exceeded every reasonable expectation placed before them. Last year, these Bulldogs won only four games over the entire season. This year (Wiles' first) the Dogs have already won 11 and are ranked sixth in their region, a feat that even Wiles admits is impressive.

"If the season were to end today, we'd be hosting a first-round tournament game," she said. "To go from four wins to a possible postseason game is a credit to this team."

Perhaps the greatest difference from last season to this year's has been the play of Booker. She is enjoying an incredible season thus far, and Friday's game exemplified this perfectly.

By darting in and out of passing lanes all night, Booker was an unstoppable force against Mustangs of Southwest State. By the game's completion, she had added game highs of six steals and 10 rebounds to accompany her 27 points.

Wiles said these types of performances are becoming routine for her star.

"She's been putting up huge numbers for us all year. She's got 10 double doubles and I even heard that she got the first triple double in Duluth history, so what she's doing is pretty impressive," she said. "For us to be really successful, we're going to need more big nights like that from her."

After Friday's conference win moved UMD a step closer to the NSIC's elite, Mankato brought any Bulldog momentum crashing down on Saturday.

Riding a hot wave of three pointers and long jump shots, the Mavericks cruised to a 22 point lead at halftime. Despite a burst of energy from UMD's backups in the second half, nothing could be done to stop MSU.

Sophomore Kelsey Hewitt led UMD with eight points while Booker added seven points and six boards.

The Bulldogs next play on Friday in a crucial NSIC matchup at the second-place St. Cloud State Huskies.

After that, a trip to St. Paul will bring a contest against Concordia.

MEN'S HOCKEY

A win and a loss

BY BEN JOHNSON
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The Bulldogs rode on the wings of junior goaltender Alex Stalock in a series split to the University of Wisconsin-Madison last weekend.

With the split, UMD held onto a three-way tie for fourth place with the University of Minnesota and Colorado College in the WCHA standings, according to the UMD Web site.

On Friday, the Bulldogs struck first with freshman Jack Connolly scoring 5:25 into the first period off of sophomore Justin Fontaine's rebound. UMD failed to convert any other chances for the rest of the game, eventually losing 3-1.

However, the Bulldogs turned it around on Saturday as Stalock got his third shutout of the season. Connolly set up junior Jordan Fulton for a third-period goal that proved to be the difference in a 1-0 victory for UMD. The Bulldogs mustered only 19 shots to the Badger's 33, but UMD controlled the puck for most of the second and third periods.

Stalock now has seven-career shutouts, leaving him only one away from Brat Nicklin's school record. The junior South St. Paul native had another stellar week-

end, stopping 61 of 63 shots for the Bulldogs, according to the UMD Web site. He is currently leading the WCHA with a .925 save percentage and a 2.21 goals-against-average.

Ranked 16th in the Pairwise rankings, the Bulldogs will have to perform well in the season's four remaining series to remain in the top half of the WCHA standings. This season UMD is 9-1-3 at the DECC but only 1-6-2 on the road, according to the UMD Web site.

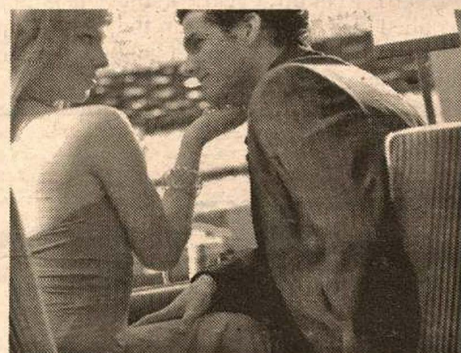
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Good weekend of competition

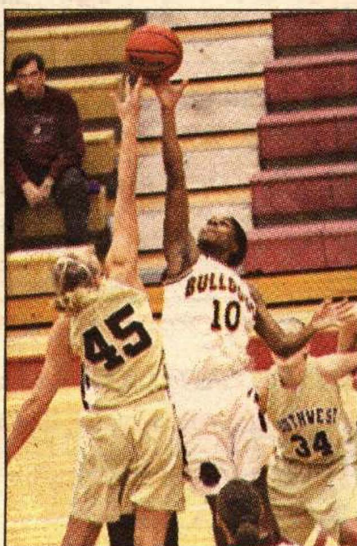
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Facing a pair of Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) foes over the weekend, the UMD women's basketball team experienced two entirely different results.

On the shoulders of an incredible 27-point performance by junior Jheri Booker, UMD squeaked past Southwest Minnesota State 57-53 on Friday. Saturday, however, was another story. Playing Minnesota State-Mankato, the region's top-ranked team, according to the NSIC

Web Site, the Dogs looked helpless in a 90-57 defeat.

Despite the large margin of defeat, UMD head coach Annette Wiles remained positive.



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Junior Jheri Booker scored 27 points in Friday's game.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

A split for the Lady Bulldogs

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After a dominating performance Friday night, the Bulldogs were upset by St. Cloud State Saturday, leaving them with a split series on the weekend.

On Friday night, it was completely obvious that the game was controlled by UMD from the get-go. During the first period alone, the Bulldogs had a 17-1 shots advantage and ended the period with a commanding 5-0 lead.

Sophomore Laura Fridfinnson had the first hat trick of her career and 12 Bulldogs accumulated at least one point on the way to a 7-2 route, according to the UMD Web site.

St. Cloud mustered two goals in the third period on the Bulldog's freshman backup goalie Lana Steck, one on a botched face-off turned breakaway and another on a late five-on-three power play.

Despite the attempt for a comeback, the Dogs dominated, winning 7-2.

Saturday's game was a completely different story as the Bulldogs fell in a 4-3 nail-biter. UMD went up 3-1 early in the second period, but St. Cloud rallied back, scoring two in the second period to tie it. And Megan McCarthy's second goal of the contest proved to be the game winner for the Huskies



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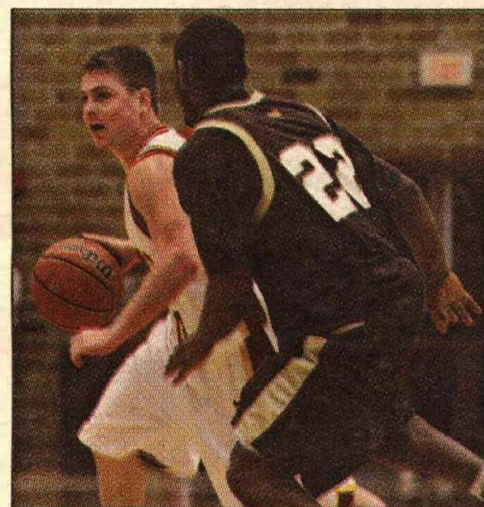
Senior Tawni Mattila and junior Heidi Peltari crash St. Cloud's net.

early in the third period.

UMD outshot St. Cloud 21-6 and had three power plays in the third period, but failed to get a puck past the Huskie goalie, according to the UMD Web site.

Bulldog junior forward Elin Holmov added two goals, including an absolute dandy in the second period, but it wasn't enough as UMD still holds the third place slot in the WCHA, behind Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The Bulldogs will try to rebound from Saturday's upset this weekend as they take on last-place Bemidji State on the road.



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Junior Jordan Schade works around an SMSU defender.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

A toss-up for UMD men's basketball

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During an exciting weekend homestand, the UMD men's basketball team played some of its best ball of the season. Unfortunately, they also played some of their worst.

After losing a heartbreaker Friday to the Southwest Minnesota State (SMSU) Mustangs 55-56, the Dogs responded by defeating the Mavericks of Minnesota State University-Mankato (MSU) 73-65 on Saturday.

Coming into the weekend, the Mustangs, Mavs and Dogs held down three of the six spots in the jumbled Northern Sun Intercol-

legiate Conference's (NSIC) standings. With the season winding down and the stakes of each game rising, Bulldog head coach Gary Holquist said it's the little things that win games against these top teams.

"When you're playing good people and playing them well, it's hustle that will win games," he said. "Right now, to win, we need to hustle and play at an extremely high level of intensity."

This lack of intensity was apparent from the beginning of Friday night's game. Facing the swarming defense of a scrappy Mustang team ranked fifth in the region, the Dogs never found any sort of rhythm in the game's

early beginning. Despite only trailing by seven after a low-scoring first half, UMD found themselves down 19 points with only 13 minutes to go.

By double teaming Bulldog center John Vaudreuil, SMSU forced the Dogs to play a more perimeter-oriented game than they would prefer for much of the game, a factor which Holquist cites in the Dogs' struggles.

"They forced John to get his touches way too far from the hoop. That forces us to change what we do and we settled for some tough shots," he said.

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